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To: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
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From: David E. Janssen  
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**DOJ ON-SITE INVESTIGATION OF JUVENILE HALLS - INITIAL INTERAGENCY  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

As you are aware, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is investigating education, health, mental health, and probation services at the three Probation juvenile halls. Approximately 300 concerns have been identified by the DOJ consultants and are under review by the impacted agencies, i.e., the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH), Probation, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE).

County Counsel believes that this is clearly the most complex investigation undertaken by the DOJ, and has emphasized to the impacted agencies the critical need to address the issues to avoid formal litigation that may result in a consent decree. In recognition of the sensitive and broad scope of the investigation, County Counsel formed 12 committees to improve interdepartmental communication in delivering services to minors in custody. However, shortly thereafter, it was recognized that a more structured and manageable approach was necessary so that the agencies may plan more strategically in obtaining consensus on recommended and viable solutions best suited for juveniles and County operations. Consequently, Probation has now taken the lead and has coordinated the initial Interagency Strategic Planning meeting which was held on June 28, 2001. The initial meeting had an excellent turnout and was comprised of key representatives from the impacted agencies.

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County Counsel anticipates final DOJ findings by the end of December 2001, or as late as the first quarter of 2002. In the meantime, we will continue working with the impacted agencies who have already begun addressing certain issues, including policy and procedure-related, which are within their capability and require no or minimal funding.

Over the next several months, we will be obtaining cost estimates, a status, and a recommended prioritization of all issues, so that your Board will be apprized of the impending costs of the investigation, which we anticipate will require significant funding.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information, or your staff may call Amalia Lopez of my staff at (213) 893-1216.

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